

At page 2, lines 2-4 please delete the first full paragraph and insert the following:

--This is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/337,635, filed June 21, 1999, now allowed, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/980,071, filed November 26, 1997, now issued (U.S. Patent No. 5,914,318), which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/757,536, filed November 27, 1996, now issued (U.S. Patent No. 5,942,664).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-36, 38, and 41-58 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 37 to read:

37. A method of killing an insect, comprising providing to an insect an insecticidally-effective amount of a composition comprising a polypeptide preparable by a process comprising the steps of:
- (a) culturing a *B. thuringiensis* EG12111 or EG12121 cell under conditions effective to produce a composition comprising a *B. thuringiensis* polypeptide; and
 - (b) obtaining said composition from said cell.

Please add the following new claims:

- 59. A method of killing an insect, comprising providing to an insect an insecticidally-effective amount of a composition comprising a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:59 or SEQ ID NO:61.
60. A method of killing an insect comprising providing to an insect an insecticidally-effective amount of a *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1C δ -endotoxin polypeptide, wherein:
- the polypeptide comprises one or more amino acid mutation in the loop region between α helices 4 and 5 of domain 1; and
 - the polypeptide comprises one or more amino acid mutation in the loop region between α helices 6 and 7 of domain 1; and